

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) An arc tube for a high intensity discharge lamp comprising:
 a translucent body formed from a high temperature material ~~and~~ , the translucent body
defining a discharge space and including spaced-apart electrodes;
 an arc generating and sustaining medium within said discharge space; and
 a starting aid contained within said discharge space, said starting aid comprising an
electrically conductive stripe formed from a mixture of an electrically conductive material and
the high temperature material.
2. (currently amended) The arc tube of Claim 1 wherein the high temperature material is
alumina and said starting aid is comprised of a cermet selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of
tungsten and alumina and molybdenum and alumina.
3. (original) The arc tube of Claim 1 wherein said translucent body is cylindrical.
4. (currently amended) The arc tube of Claim 1 wherein said ~~ceramic~~ high temperature
material is alumina.
5. (original) The arc tube of Claim 2 wherein said starting aid is a cermet of tungsten and
alumina and contains about 60 volume % tungsten and about 40 volume % alumina.
6. (currently amended) An arc tube for a high intensity discharge lamp comprising:
 a translucent body formed from a high temperature material ~~and~~ , the translucent body
defining a discharge space and including spaced-apart electrodes;
 an arc generating and sustaining medium within said discharge space; and

a starting aid contained within said discharge space, said starting aid comprising an electrically conductive stripe of a cermet selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of tungsten and alumina and molybdenum and alumina.

7. (original) The arc tube of Claim 6 wherein said starting aid is a cermet of tungsten and alumina and contains about 60 volume % tungsten and about 40 volume % alumina.